



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Norman J. Wayte II, Chairman, Planning Board

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SUBJECT: Zoning Ordinance Amendment Request – Light Industrial Districts

DATE: July 27, 2010

Request: To amend Section 310-10, Light Industrial Districts, of the City's Zoning Ordinance to allow the production of alcohol.

Applicant: Thomas W. Scozzafava, CEO & President of Sackets Harbor Brewing Co.

SEQRA: Type I.

County Planning Board review required: Yes.

Comments: The City has received a request from Thomas W. Scozzafava, CEO & President of Sackets Harbor Brewing Co., asking the City to amend Section 310-10, Light Industrial Districts, of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the production of alcohol. Currently, Light Industrial Districts specifically prohibit alcohol manufacture. The applicant is requesting the change because they are considering the construction of a microbrewery at the Alteri Bakery site in the City Center Industrial Park. Currently, Sackets Harbor Brewing Company, Inc. has their beer produced and bottled in Rochester and they are looking to bring those operations to this area.

The process to amend the zoning ordinance is similar to a zone change application in that the Planning Board will have to make a recommendation to the City Council and a public hearing will have to be held prior to the Council voting on the ordinance.

Since this request involves the change in the allowable uses within a zoning district affecting 25 or more acres, the action is considered a Type I Action under SEQRA.

cc: Planning Board Members
City Council Members
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